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In re Application of:)
Naoya Hasegawa)
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For Spin-Valve Thin Film Element and Method for Manufacturing the Same))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.